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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. William Colby

Director, Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT:

Proposed Bill on Use of Private Funds to

Influence Foreign Elections

We appreciate your sending us a copy of your objections to the Department of Justice proposed report on S. 2239, a bill "Relating to intervening in and influencing the political affairs of foreign countries or political subdivisions thereof." We support the view you submitted and were concerned at the procedures which permitted the State report on S. 2239 to be submitted. There is now under way a general tightening up on handling of legislative clearances.

Meanwhile, the Office of Management and Budget is working with the Department of Justice to refocus their report on the bill.

Brent Scowcroft

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